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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sunil Singh

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 17-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 17-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 September 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>9/8/03</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ |

DETAILED ACTION

The preliminary amendment filed 9/8/03 has been entered.

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show reference character "22" as described in the specification page 5. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "36" has been used to designate both slot and holder. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-5 and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Beebe or Beebe or Hedlund et al. or Ojanen (US 4561698, 4844550, 4921310, 5303984).

Beebe '698, Beebe '550, Hedlund et al. '310 and Ojanen '984 all teach sleeve called for in claims 1-5, 17-21 since there is nothing in the claims **preventing** the intermediate portion and the forward portion from also including a slot (see Figs. 6, 4&6, 3, 1 respectively).

5. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sollami (US 6371567).

Sollami teaches sleeve called for in claims 1-3 (see Fig. 3).

6. Claims 1-5, 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krekeler (US 3397012).

Krekeler teaches sleeve called for in claims 1-5, 17-21 (see Fig. 18).

7. Claims 1-5, 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Emmerich et al. (US 4084856).

Emmerich et al. teaches sleeve called for in claims 1-5, 17-21 (see Figs. 1, 7).

8. Claims 1-4, 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Crosby (US 3865437).

Crosby teaches sleeve called for in claims 1-4, 17-18 (see Fig. 5).

9. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Clapham et al. (US 5392870).

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Clapham teaches sleeve called for in claims 1-2, 4-5, 17-20 since there is nothing in the claims **preventing** the forward portion from also including a slot (see Fig. 1).

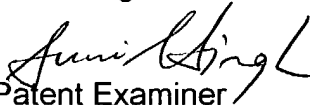
Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sunil Singh whose telephone number is (703) 308-4024. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Shackelford can be reached on (703) 308-2978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Sunil Singh


Patent Examiner
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